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FOREWORD

This issue of the *William Mitchell Law Review* contains two articles on the Critical Legal Studies (CLS) Movement. Both articles are authored by members of the William Mitchell faculty. The first article, by Russell Pannier, is an introductory examination of the CLS Movement. Professor Pannier focuses on the work of one of the acknowledged leaders of the CLS Movement, Roberto Mangabeira Unger. His article is intended to give the reader a baptism into CLS by explaining and interpreting the underpinnings of the movement as outlined by Unger. Professor Pannier also includes a brief evaluation of Unger's theories.

The second article, by Professor Andrew Haines, is a commentary on the CLS Movement as it relates to racism. Professor Haines critiques the capability of the CLS Movement to adequately address the problem of racism in our society. Unlike Professor Pannier's article, his article is not intended as an introductory work. Instead, it assumes a certain level of familiarity by the reader with the CLS Movement. This may make it somewhat more difficult for the uninitiated reader to access.

As those familiar with the *William Mitchell Law Review* will realize, these articles open a relatively new frontier for the Review. We realize that our readers rely on us for "nuts & bolts" articles that will help them in their everyday practice. But the rising prominence of the CLS Movement, illustrated by increasing discussion and writing in law schools around the country, has encouraged us to expose our readers to it. While each of the articles published here stands on its own, together they are intended as an introduction to the field of Critical Legal Studies. We hope that they will whet the appetite of our readers in this area and facilitate further discussion in the legal community which we serve.

